

Federal ESAR-VHP Credentialing Levels

MSAR is part of a national preparedness program called the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Care Professionals (ESAR-VHP). ESAR-VHP falls within the Department of Health and Human Services, under the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR). All 50 states have been tasked with creating their own secure database of volunteer health professionals who are interested in responding during an emergency. In order to facilitate the potential sharing of resources across state lines, it is essential that each state collect the same information and keep to specific guidance in terms of credentialing volunteers. For this reason MSAR categorizes volunteers into “Levels” by occupation which are consistent with the national guidance. Please click on the professions listed below to see the list of specific credentials or qualifications that need verification prior to assigning volunteers to a credential level.*

If a profession is not listed below that means that the federal ESAR-VHP program has not provided MDPH with guidance regarding credential levels for this occupation and you will remain at a level 4, until further guidance is released. More information regarding ESAR-VHP can be found by visiting: <http://www.hrsa.gov/esarvhp/>.

A copy of the current federal ESAR-VHP guidance can be found using this link: ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/bioterror/ESAR-VHP_interimGuidelinesL20050614_final.pdf

Physicians (MD and DO)

Registered Nurses (RN)

Marriage and Family Therapists

Medical and Public Health Social Workers

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers

Psychologists

Mental Health Counselors

Physicians (MD and DO)

4.3.1	<i>Credential Verifications for Applying Emergency Credentialing Standards for Physicians</i>	
Physician Level 1		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree		Verified
Certification—ABMS/AOA Specialty & Subspecialty		Verified
Active Clinical Practice		Not Required

Active Clinical (Hospital) Privileges	Verified
National Practitioner Databank Status	Verified
DEA License	Verified
Inspector General Status	Verified
Physician Level 2	Status
Unencumbered License	Verified
Degree	Verified
Certification—ABMS/AOA Specialty & Subspecialty	Verified
Active Clinical Practice	Verified
Active Clinical (Hospital) Privileges	Indeterminate
National Practitioner Databank Status	Verified
DEA License Verification	Verified
Inspector General Status	Verified
Physician Level 3	Status
Unencumbered License	Verified
Degree	Indeterminate
Certification—ABMS/AOA Specialty & Subspecialty	Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice	Indeterminate
Active Clinical (Hospital) Privileges	Indeterminate
National Practitioner Databank Status	Indeterminate
DEA License Verification	Indeterminate
Inspector General Status	Indeterminate
Physician Level 4	Status
Unencumbered License	Indeterminate
Degree	Indeterminate
Certification—ABMS/AOA Specialty & Subspecialty	Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice	Indeterminate
Active Clinical (Hospital) Privileges	Indeterminate
National Practitioner Databank Status	Indeterminate
DEA License Verification	Indeterminate
Inspector General Status	Indeterminate

Registered Nurses (RN)

4.4.1	<i>Credential Verifications for Applying Emergency Credentialing Standards for Registered Nurses</i>	
Registered Nurse Level 1		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree/Diploma		Verified

Certification	Verified
Active Clinical Practice	Verified
Registered Nurse Level 2	Status
Unencumbered License	Verified
Degree/Diploma	Verified
Certification	Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice	Indeterminate
Registered Nurse Level 3	Status
Unencumbered License	Verified
Degree/Diploma	Indeterminate
Certification	Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice	Indeterminate
Registered Nurse Level 4	Status
Unencumbered License	Indeterminate
Degree/Diploma	Indeterminate
Certification	Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice	Indeterminate

Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)

4.5.1	<i>Credential Verifications for Applying Emergency Credentialing Standards for Marriage and Family Therapists</i>	
MFT Level 1		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree		Verified
Certification		Verified
Active Clinical Practice		Verified
MFT Level 2		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree		Verified
Certification		Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice		Indeterminate
MFT Level 3		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree		Indeterminate
Certification		Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice		Indeterminate

MFT Level 4	Status
Unencumbered License	Indeterminate
Degree	Indeterminate
Certification	Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice	Indeterminate

Medical and Public Health Social Workers

4.6.1	<i>Credential Verifications for Applying Emergency Credentialing Standards for Medical and Public Health Social Workers</i>	
MPHSW Level 1		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree or Diploma		Verified
Certification		Verified
Active Clinical Practice		Verified
MPHSW Level 2		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree or Diploma		Verified
Certification		Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice		Indeterminate
MPHSW Level 3		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree or Diploma		Indeterminate
Certification		Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice		Indeterminate
MPHSW Level 4		Status
Unencumbered License		Indeterminate
Degree or Diploma		Indeterminate
Certification		Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice		Indeterminate

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers

4.7.1	<i>Credential Verifications for Applying Emergency Credentialing Standards for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers</i>	
MHSASW Level 1		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified

Degree or Diploma	Verified
Certification	Verified
Active Clinical Practice	Verified
MHSASW Level 2	Status
Unencumbered License	Verified
Degree or Diploma	Verified
Certification	Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice	Indeterminate
MHSASW Level 3	Status
Unencumbered License	Verified
Degree or Diploma	Indeterminate
Certification	Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice	Indeterminate
MHSASW Level 4	Status
Unencumbered License	Indeterminate
Degree or Diploma	Indeterminate
Certification	Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice	Indeterminate

Psychologists

4.8.1	<i>Credential Verifications for Applying Emergency Credentialing Standards for</i>	
	<i>Psychologists</i>	
Psychologist Level 1		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree		Verified
Certification		Verified
Active Clinical Practice		Verified
Psychologist Level 2		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree		Verified
Certification		Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice		Indeterminate
Psychologist Level 3		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree		Indeterminate
Certification		Indeterminate

Active Clinical Practice	Indeterminate
Psychologist Level 4	Status
Unencumbered License	Indeterminate
Degree	Indeterminate
Certification	Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice	Indeterminate

Mental Health Counselors (MHC)

4.9.1	<i>Credential Verifications for Applying Emergency Credentialing Standards for Mental Health Counselors</i>	
Mental Health Counselor Level 1		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree or Diploma		Verified
Certification		Verified
Active Clinical Practice		Verified
Mental Health Counselor Level 2		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree or Diploma		Verified
Certification		Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice		Indeterminate
Mental Health Counselor Level 3		Status
Unencumbered License		Verified
Degree or Diploma		Indeterminate
Certification		Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice		Indeterminate
Mental Health Counselor Level 4		Status
Unencumbered License		Indeterminate
Degree or Diploma		Indeterminate
Certification		Indeterminate
Active Clinical Practice		Indeterminate

* Please note that these may change due to changes in the federal program guidance.